

# Welcome

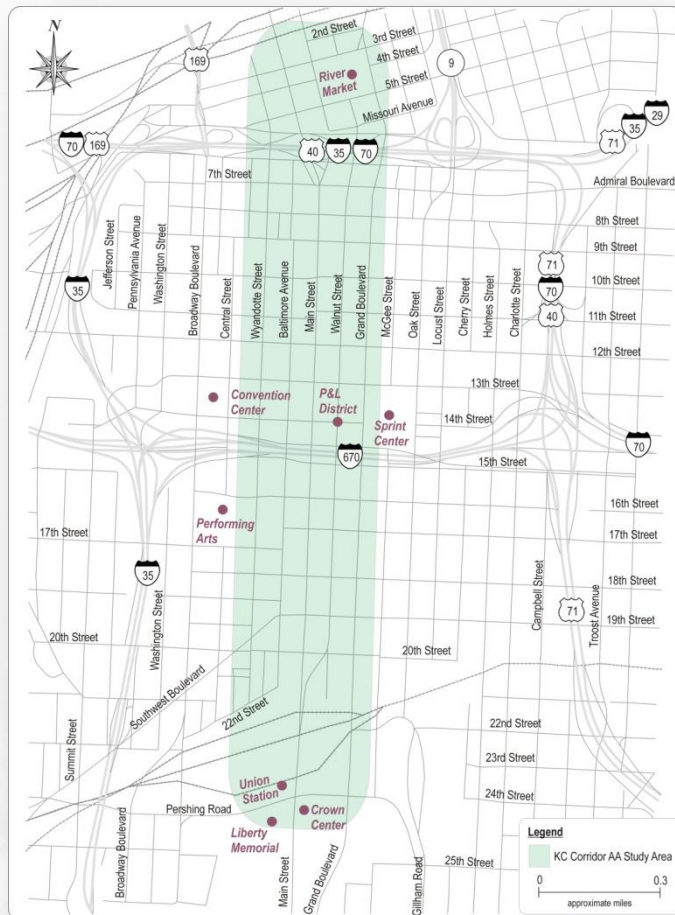


- Thank you for joining us at tonight's **Downtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis (AA)** public meeting!
  - **Open House:** 4-6:30 p.m.
  - **Short Presentations:** 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.
- **What You Can Do**
  - Review the meeting displays
  - Listen to a presentation
  - Ask questions and tell us what you think



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# Overview



## Downtown Corridor AA

- Focused look at transit options in a corridor running from River Market to Union Station / Crown Center
- Result will be a single Locally Preferred Alternative, supporting downtown goals, investment, and the regional transit vision
- Funded by the Federal Transit Administration

# Process & Schedule



## Stakeholder Outreach

- **Ongoing Meetings**
  - Neighborhoods
  - Civic leaders
  - Transportation groups
  - Elected officials
  - Downtown Parking and Transportation Commission
  - Business/Economic development community
  - Media
- **Public Open Houses**
  - Held at key milestones

## Time-frame

*we are here*

- **April – June 2011**
  - Purpose and Need Statement
  - Project goals and objectives
  - Identification of alternatives
- **July – September 2011**
  - Detailed alternatives assessment (resulting in the Locally Preferred Alternative)
  - Financial assessment
- **October – December 2011**
  - Draft report
- **January 2012**
  - Final report to Federal Transit Administration





# Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to provide an **attractive transit option** that will more conveniently **connect people and places** within the Downtown Corridor, and **support regional and city efforts** to develop downtown Kansas City and the Downtown Corridor as a more vibrant and successful urban center.

# Project Need:

## Connect, Develop, Thrive & Sustain



### Connect

- Improve circulation within downtown
- Connect downtown activity centers
- Enhance and integrate multimodal transportation options
- Improve effectiveness and efficiency of existing transit services
- Improve pedestrian environment and accessibility
- Provide access to parks and recreational facilities

### Develop

- Encourage development and redevelopment
- Provide a catalyst for redevelopment
- Increase number of downtown residents
- Support downtown's historical urban fabric and form
- Support transit-oriented development/ minimize the need for parking

# Project Need:

## Connect, Develop, Thrive & Sustain



### Thrive

- Strengthen downtown districts and support existing businesses
- Provide additional services for residents
- Support visitor and tourism activities
- Avoid future congestion
- Serve transit-dependent populations

### Sustain

- Promote long-term sustainable development
- Reduce vehicle-miles traveled
- Improve air quality
- Improve public health
- Promote walkability

# Modes of Transit



## Circulator Bus



- Generally diesel-powered
- Generally on-street, but can have separated, fixed guideway
- Can carry up to 75 passengers

## Modern Streetcar



- Generally electrically powered
- Fixed guideway (rail); shares traffic lane with autos
- Can carry up to 120 passengers



# How to Pay for It?

- **Guiding Principles**
  - No dedicated city-wide sales or property tax
  - Fixed rail creates “permanence” that spurs investment
  - No diversion of KCATA funding
- **Potential Sources of Funding**
  - Rider fares
  - District sales tax and/or special assessments (only within corridor)
  - Federal grants
  - Advertising and naming rights
  - Other sources consistent with guiding principles





# Next Steps



## July – September 2011

- Evaluation of the multiple options by applying several factors including:
  - Stakeholder input
  - Potential ridership
  - Traffic impacts
  - Right-of-way issues
  - Land use impacts
  - Community issues
  - Economic development potential
  - Environmental and historic resource impacts
  - Operating and construction costs
- Development of Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)
- Financial assessment
- Second public open house

# Stay Informed



- Keep up with the latest on the Downtown Corridor AA by:
  - Bookmarking our web site at: [www.kcsmartmoves.org](http://www.kcsmartmoves.org)
  - Scheduling a presentation for your group via:
    - Triveece Harvey, Patti Banks Associates at: [tharvey@pbassociates.com](mailto:tharvey@pbassociates.com) and 816-756-5690 x. 3038

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**Downtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis**

The Downtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis will bring Kansas City closer to realizing a potential starter line for an expanded future regional public transportation system. Funded largely by a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant, the study will identify the locally preferred alternative for a downtown transit distributor, and a viable plan to fund the construction, operation and maintenance of the line.

The alternatives analysis will build on previous planning efforts, MARC's Smart Moves regional transit vision, and ongoing commuter-rail projects. The intent is to use the alternatives analysis results to secure funding for implementation and potentially apply for future federal funds.

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